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After one hundred years Clifton Park has indeed changed - but to those who are fond of this tiny corner it will always be "The Park".
ERRATA FOR VIGNETTES OF CLIFTON PARK
Thank You Robert Albrecht

Page 17: Second paragraph—change to read, library fireplace and wall . . . omit and. The wainscoating in the library is of the same design.

Fifth paragraph—All the bedrooms—three of them strike the word bedroom. Not necessary. Omit the inner quote marks. Use just the quotes at the beginning and end of statement.


Page 38: Omit the apostrophe on the name Van Sweringens.

Page 40: The Beachhouse is made of concrete block not brick.

Page 45: The garden stood beside the Thossell home, not behind.

Page 55: Fifth paragraph—add that the Kettering Yacht was the OLIVE K. owned by Gene Kettering who lived at 18180 Clifton Rd. and later at 17897 Lake Road.

Page 63: First paragraph—balancing the beautiful window is a carved stone fireplace.

Page 85: Second paragraph—change He like to He liked.

Page 96: The Winton boathouse/beach house was built of cement block not sand stone.

Page 120: The yacht is not the LABELLE but the MAHAPA owned by Mabel Hanna Parsons.

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Map of the Clifton Park Association Allotment of part of Section 23
Rockport Township, Cuyahoga County, Ohio and embraces a part of
lands in said Section 23 known as the Minor Mill Lot, also sublots
3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 and parts of lots 1 and 2 in 2nd division and
Lots 78, 79, 80 and parts of Lots 77, 67, 64, 63, 62 and 61 in the
1st Division of an Allotment of part of said Section 23 as shown on
the Recorded plat of S. S. Baldwin.

The dimension of the several lots are entered on the respective lines
in feet and inches and there numbers at or near these centers. Detroit
Street is 66 feet wide and is an old established highway and is located
as shown on the plat. Elm Street South of Detroit Street was hereto
fore established. The remaining streets and avenues on said plat Viz.
The Vista-Riverside, Railroad and Cleveland Avenues, Elm, Maple,
Oak, Clifton and Beech Streets are laid out and located in the manner
indicated on the Plat to which plat for more particular information
as hereby made. Stone monuments were set at the point marked "Stone" on the plat. All of which I certify to be correct.

signed, George E. Hartnell, Surveyor, Cleveland, December 1, 1874

We acknowledge the above plat as herein described to be our free act and deed and do hereby dedicate to public use the Streets and Avenues indicated on the same.

signed, Thomas Discon, President of Clifton Park Association, Elias Sims, Daniel P. Rhodes (by Jas. F. Rhodes, his aty.) Israel D. Wagar

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Clifton Park About 1899

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Born and reared on the East Side of Cleveland, Blythe Gehring moved to Washington D.C. as a young woman employed by Pennsylvania Central Airline. Transferred back to Cleveland as a reservationist for the airline, she lived in the old Westlake Hotel, the pink stucco landmark which overlooks the Rocky River and Clifton Lagoons from the west bank. Blythe with her husband and two children moved to Clifton Park in 1959 where the pending extension of Clifton Boulevard was the subject of hot debate. Her curiosity about the “Park” and the impact the extended road would have on it led to a seven year research project culminating in the publication of “Vignettes of Clifton Park” in 1970. The original limited first edition sold out that first year. This new edition represents the first reprint of the original edition.